REMARKS

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 23 were cancelled.

New Claims 24 to 44 were added.

Claims 24 to 44 are pending.

Support for the newly added Claims 24 to 44 may be found in the specification as originally filed. Specifically, support for new Claims 24 thru 33 may be found in original Claims 1, and 16, on pages 34 to 40, pages 63 to 69, and throughout the application as original filed. No new matter has been added.

Support for new Claims 34 thru 36 may be found in original Claims 3-4, 8-9, 18-19, and throughout the application as original filed. No new matter has been added.

Support for new Claims 37 thru 39, and Claims 41 thru 43 may be found on pages 112 to 115, and Example 19 of the instant specification, and throughout the application as original filed. No new matter has been added.

Support for new Claim 40 and 44 may be found on pages 1 to 8, 53 to 63, and page 22 to 44 of the instant specification, and throughout the application as original filed. No new matter has been added.

If any fee is due in connection herewith not already accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

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